

**K-State MPH Faculty Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Location: via Zoom -- March 8, 2021 at 10:30 AM**  
**Minutes**

Ct	Committee Member	Emphasis/Role	In Attendance
1	Ellyn Mulcahy	MPH Director	X
	Stevenson, Barta	MPH Staff	X
	Open	MPH Student	
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2	Hsu, Wei Wen	Core Instructor	X
3	Larson, Robert	Core Instructor	X
4	Gragg, Sara	FSB	X
5	Kastner, Justin	FSB	X
6	Nutsch, Abbey	FSB	X
7	Adams Paige	IDZ + Core Instructor	X
8	Cernicchiaro, Natalia	IDZ	X
9	KuKanich, Kate	IDZ	X
10	Hanson, Jennifer	PHN + Core Instructor	X
11	Rosenkranz, Ric	PHN	X
12	Rosenkranz, Sara	PHN	X
13	Besenyi, Gina	PHPA	Mailey proxy
14	Mailey, Emily	PHPA	X
15	McElroy, Mary	PHPA + Core Instructor	X

Dr. Mulcahy called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. There was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2020 and February 8, 2021. (January meeting cancelled.)

- Lunch and Learn for Spring 2021.

Date	Time	Topic/Presenter
Monday, February 15	12:15 to 12:45 PM	Getting Hired! CVs, Letters, Resumes Ms. Mary Ellen Barkley, Asst. Director, K-State Career Center
Friday, February 26		Graduation Deadlines: Dr. Ellyn Mulcahy, MPH Program Director
Monday, March 15		Faculty Update: Dr. Londo Nwadike, State Extension Food Safety Specialist
Thursday, March 18 (notice time change)	12:30 to 1:30 PM	10 Essential Services from deBeaumont Foundation Dr. Brian Castrucci (Presentation designed especially for students) The new BI Auditorium at CVM has reserved for watching
Friday, March 26	12:15 to 12:45 PM	How to Make a Professional Poster Ms. Susie Larson, CVM Library
Monday, April 19		Faculty Update: Dr. A. Sally Davis, Asst. Professor, Diagnostic Medicine/Pathobiology
Friday, April 30		Faculty Update: Dr. Katie Heinrich, Professor, Kinesiology

- Remind your students ... 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Covid-19 Posters scholarships for students. Posters accepted through April 20, 2021. \$75/poster and students may submit 2 posters. We have received 3 posters to date.
- Kansas Governor's Conference March 30, 2021 is virtual this year. MPH office will pay student's registration of \$25 if they attend. MPH Faculty KPHA memberships were renewed.
- Survey information updated. Alumni Survey for AY 2019 resent for better response. Response rate is now 81% after launching initial survey, sending 6 reminders and an anonymous link. Updated alumni survey emailed with agenda.

#	Survey Name	FAC Meeting for Review	2/10/2020	2/8/2021
		When Launched	AY 2019	AY 2020
1	Alumni Survey	Survey sent one year after graduation.	(all AYs 14-18) 45%	AY19 (27 grads) 1st try=60%; 2nd try=81%

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2a	Assessment Survey	Assessment right after defense by committee	71% (27 grads)	2a AY20=87% (13 grads)
2b				2b F20=100% (3 grads)
3	MPH Exit Interview with Director	In-person exit interviews conducted by program director (New AY 19)	100%	93% (14 grads)
4	Certificate Exit Interview with Director	In-person exit interviews conducted by program director (New AY 20)	N/A	100% (1 grad)
5	Graduate Exit Survey	Survey sent right before/after graduation by MPH Office	77%	67% F18-F20 (49 surveys)
6	MPH Entrance Survey	Survey sent in October each fall to new students starting S Su & F of calendar year	(all CYs 14-19) 61%	66% (21 surveys)
7	Preceptor Evaluation of APE	On website. Filled out by preceptors	N/A	N/A
8	Student Evaluation of APE	On website Filled out by students after APE experience	N/A	N/A

- MPH Defense Scheduled to Date.

	Student	Yrs	MP	Area	Date and Title of Defense
	<b>Spring 2021</b>				
1	Kucera, Anna	3.0	Larson	IDZ	<b>March 19 @ 2:00 PM via Zoom</b> -- <i>Multiproject Report to Increase Riley County Health Department Public Health Professional Interconnectivity</i>
2	Ramirez, Melitza	2.4	Heinrich	PHPA	<b>March 19 @ 9:00 AM via Zoom</b> -- <i>Riley County Health Department: Hispanic Outreach Project</i>
3	Sanwisate, Phutsadee	2.4	Kastner	FSB	<b>March 23 @ 1:00 PM via Zoom</b> -- <i>Food Safety Regulations: A Virtual Journey Across The Globe</i>
4	Avila Martinez, Miriam	1.7	Mailey	PHPA	<b>April 2 @ 9:00 AM via Zoom</b> -- <i>Evaluation of the virtual Exercise is Medicine on Campus campaign: Effects on college students' physical activity perceptions and behaviors</i>
5	DeFisher, Jason	2.0	Mulcahy	IDZ	<b>April 2 @ Noon via Zoom</b> -- <i>Creation of a CASPER Survey Protocol for Use in Riley County Kansas</i>
6	Hunt, Shelby	1.7	Mailey	PHPA	<b>April 5 @ 10:00 AM via Zoom</b> -- <i>Multi-Project Report: Physical Activity as a Mediator for Mental Health AND Nutrition Promotion in Riley County, Kansas</i>
7	Williams, Jeremy	3.4	Mulcahy	IDZ	<b>April 5 @ 1:00 PM via Zoom</b> -- <i>Data-driven Stories of Opportunity: Development of a Comprehensive Communication Plan for the Riley County Opportunity Map</i>
8	Sello, Grace	1.7	Rosenkranz, R	PHN	<b>April 9 @ 9:00 AM via Zoom</b> -- <i>Developing a Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response Protocol for Riley county</i>
9	Futrell, Crystal	4.4	Gragg	FSB	<b>April 9 @ 1:00 PM via Zoom</b> -- <i>A Risk Factor Study on Food Establishments in Kansas</i>
	<b>Summer 2021</b>				
1	Ross, Lisa	3.4	Procter	PHN	<b>April 29 @ 2:00 PM via Zoom</b> -- <i>Systems Approaches for Healthy Communities, Web-Based Professional Development Program</i>
2	Kumar, Ganesh	2.4	Mulcahy	IDZ	<b>Before May 7 @ ??? via Zoom</b> -- ?????
3	Preczewski, Amanda	2.0	KuKanich	IDZ	<b>1<sup>st</sup> week of May @ ?? via Zoom</b> -- ?????
4	Burke, Madeline	2.0	Davis	IDZ	<b>?? @ ?? via Zoom</b> -- <i>Title here</i>

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- Dates for FAC Meetings via Zoom until further notice.

Monday, April 12, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	
Monday, May 10, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	
Monday, June 14, 2021	10:30 to 12:30	

### 4. Discussion Items:

- Dr. Mulcahy reported that she met with the new dean of the Graduate School and at this time, there is nothing to report.
- BS/PH. How can we facilitate smooth transition to MPH program? BS/MPH students to date:

ID		CVM	Background	Area	GPA	GRE	StartSem	YrsPrg	AYEnd	GPA
1	A		BS/MPH KSU Biol Academic FS	IDZ	3.11		1/1/2021			0
2	A		BS/MPH KSU Biology	IDZ	3.6	301	6/1/2018			0
3	A		BS/MPH KSU Kinesiology	PHPA	3.43	274	1/1/2019			0
4	G	CVM	BS/MPH KSU Biology	IDZ	3.6		6/1/2011	1.50	2013	3.78
5	G		BS/MPH KSU Biology	IDZ	3.23	304	9/1/2011	1.67	2013	3.64
6	G		BS/MPH KSU Nutrition	PHN	3.18	293	6/1/2011	3.17	2014	3.76
7	G		BS/MPH KSU Kinesiology	PHN	3.75	305	1/1/2012	1.33	2013	3.79
8	G		BS/MPH KSU Nut & Health	PHN	3.5	307	9/1/2017	1.92	2019	3.81
9	G		BS/MPH KSU Kinesiology	PHPA	3.59		6/1/2015	1.17	2016	3.30
10	G		BS/MPH KSU Nutrition	PHPA	3.6	288	9/1/2014	2.25	2017	3.80
11	G		BS/MPH KSU Kinesiology	PHPA	3.3	294	1/1/2017	1.92	2019	3.57
12	G		BS/MPH KSU Nutrition + Kin	PHPA	3.23	301	9/1/2014	3.92	2018	3.68
13	I		BS/MPH KSU Kinesiology	PHPA	3.25		1/1/2012			0
14	X		BS/MPH KSU Chemical Eng	PHN	3.83	312				0
15	X		BS/MPH KSU Kinesiology	PHPA	3.82					0
Total Averages					3.47	298		2.09		3.68

Notes: A=Active Students; G=MPH Graduate; I=Inactive Student (dropped); X=Did not enroll in any classes

Steps for BS/MPH on website with printable PDF. If a student takes a required class as an undergraduate, we do not make them re-take the class; they choose an additional elective in their emphasis area.

Questions about process? Please send us your undergraduate academic advisors so we can let them know about the program/process.

Steps	Instructions
1	Student visits in Junior or Senior year with undergraduate advisor and/or MPH program to see if eligible for Graduate School (minimum GPA of 3.0). Student will be required to take the GRE and submit scores with Graduate School Application.
2	Student and undergraduate advisor select classes that <u>may</u> be used for both programs AND the courses <u>have not been taken</u> thus far in the undergraduate curriculum. The MPH Program will accept any class (elective or required) for desired MPH emphasis area if on approved list.
3	Student visits with their financial aid advisor and understands any financial aid ramifications. An e-mail from the financial aid advisor to the MPH Director would be helpful, and encouraged.
4	Undergraduate advisor responsible for notifying undergraduate department/college and putting note KSIS (when available in DARS and/or on transcript). Also sends an e-mail to MPH Director indicating support for the student in the BS/MPH program and <u>identifies the classes to be used for both degrees and when they will be taken.</u>
5	Student applies for the BS/MPH program and if admitted <u>THEN</u> enrolls in the shared graduate classes. (See notes below, especially note #1.)

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6	When the student has completed 9 graduate credits, a POS will be prepared in conjunction with MPH major professor and submitted to the Graduate School, even if the student is still working on their undergraduate degree.
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### Notes:

1. Special Enrollment Form: The student may take the intended shared courses for graduate credit by utilizing the special enrollment form on the Graduate School's website (located under Miscellaneous forms), or a request for credit type change has been made during the current semester of enrollment (before rosters are released and final grades have been assigned). These credits would appear on the graduate record in KSIS and may count toward the graduate program regardless of when they are taken, if they are listed on the POS.
  2. Change in Status. The student's status will change from undergraduate to graduate once the student is formally admitted to the program with the start semester listed on the Graduate Application. Taking courses for graduate credit using the Special Enrollment Form starts their graduate career/record, but their status remains undergraduate until the requested Graduate Application start semester. The student needs to be very careful to select the correct starting semester on the application. Generally, they should select the beginning of the last semester of their undergraduate degree if they receive federal financial assistance contingent on their undergraduate status to minimize the financial loss once this status change is made.
  3. All credits listed on the Program of Study cannot be older than 7 years.
  4. No exceptions to the above. The Graduate School will not move classes between the undergraduate and graduate records in KSIS once the class roster has been closed and a grade has been assigned.
- GRE requirement for applications. Background and rationale: Currently required and used as an indicator for success in the program. Generally, anyone with a GPA below 3.0 is funneled to the Certificate program and if they complete at least 3 certificate classes with a 3.25 or above are allowed to complete the application for the MPH program without taking the GRE (re-write their statement of objectives and get 2 additional references). Guidelines from the graduate school is that admission requirements need to be consistent for all applicants so the GRE could not be required of some and not others.

Most common undergraduate majors for MPH students and corresponding MS programs at K-State:

MS Program	College	Y/N	Comments
MS Biochemistry	A&S	No	No requirement found
MS Biology	A&S	No	No requirement found
MS Communications	A&S	No	No requirement found
MS in Statistics	A&S	No	... to help evaluate your abilities to succeed in our program, we highly recommend GRE scores be submitted; however they are not required.
MS Animal Sciences	Ag	No	The Graduate Record Examination is not required for admission, but may be helpful in the evaluation process.
MS Data Analytics	Business	No	No requirement found
MS Veterinary Biomedical Sciences	CVM	No	GRE is not a requirement for admission, but applicants are encouraged to take the examination and submit the scores with the application.
One year master's in Biomedical Science	CVM	No	GRE is not a requirement for admission, but applicants are encouraged to take the examination and submit the scores with the application.
DVM	CVM	No	No longer required
MS Athletic Training	HHS	No	No requirement found
MS Kinesiology	HHS	Yes	Scores on the aptitude portion of GRE examination,
MS Nutrition, Dietetics, and Sensory Sciences	HHS	Yes	Minimum GRE score of 295, (verbal plus quantitative) with a verbal of 146.
MS Dietetics	HHS	No	No requirement found

Additional MS Programs at K-State that still require GRE.

Concurrent B.S./M.S. in Agricultural Economics  
Chemistry  
Operations Research  
Communication Sciences & Disorders - FSHS

Grain Science  
Industrial Engineering  
Apparel and Textiles

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Degree	Dept	Y/N	Comments
MPH at Univ of Kansas	School of Medicine	Yes	Applicants who have not earned doctoral degrees in the United States must submit official scores on the Graduate Record Examination or other professional test scores (such as the Graduate Management Admission Test, Medical College Admission Test, Law School Aptitude Test) that are not more than five years old.
MPH at Univ of Missouri	School of Health Prof, Dept of Public Health & Veterinary Public Health (online)	Yes	Minimum GRE score: not set
Univ of Nebraska Medical Ctr online	College of Public Health	No	MPH online uses School of Public Health Application Service Dual degree programs not online. Some individual courses may be offered in a distance format, but to complete the program the students must attend a majority of their courses on-campus Some Dual degree programs are 45 hours but can share up to 18 hours or are a 4+1 format.
MPH at Univ of OK	College of Public Health	Yes	GRE test scores are required for all Public Health programs. Uses School of Public Health Application Service

For discussion: Should we keep the requirement?

Should we keep GRE requirement? Should we modify it? (Set a threshold by GPA of anyone above 3.5 or 3.25 or ??? does not need to submit scores.)

GRE data from last 5 years.

	#	Admit GRE AY2017 to Current				Admit GPA			End GPA
		Waived	High	Low	Avg	High	Low	Avg	MPH Avg
Active Students	56	16	322	271	302	4.0	2.77	3.49	N/A
FSB	5	2	292	281	288	3.64	3.22	3.38	
IDZ	23	9	308	287	302	4.0	2.77	3.37	
IDZ Dual	15	0	322	304	313	4.0	3.3	3.69	
PHN	7	3	301	271	287	3.9	3.14	3.48	
PHPA	6	2	303	274	244	3.9	2.93	3.58	
Avg by Emphasis		29%			283				
Graduates	44	13	316	275	299	4.17	2.65	3.36	3.62
FSB	2	0	297	275	286	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.67
IDZ	17	5	316	288	302	4.17	2.65	3.36	3.67
IDZ Dual	5	3	312	310	311	4.0	3.54	3.8	3.85
PHN	9	2	307	288	293	3.96	2.7	3.33	3.65
PHPA	11	3	316	294	308	3.95	2.77	3.19	3.76
Avg by Emphasis		30%			291				3.72
Inactive (Dropped)	3	1	298	276	287	3.5	3.35	3.44	N/A
FSB	0								
IDZ	1		298	298	298				
PHN	1	1		waived					
PHPA	1		276	276	276				
Total	103	30	322	271	296				3.62
Total Waived		29%							

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- The remainder of the meeting was spent discussion the GRE requirement for applications or should we modify it.

The following were comments/observations from the discussion.

- + FNDH and KIN departments recently voted or are discussing to remove the requirement. FDSCI is waiving it at present for all applications due to COVID-19 and some testing centers being closed.
- + The GRE is a good standardized assessment for international students when we are not familiar with the grading used at each institution.
- + One faculty focuses more on their “State of Objectives” and goals and doesn’t look at the GRE.
- + Some faculty over the last 5 years have changed their opinion about the value of the GRE. Previously, they felt it was an important tool, but now less so.
- + GRE can be used to review student applications with similar GPAs.
- + Do the benefits of the test outweigh the deterrents? Some students will not apply to programs that require the GRE, and many schools/programs are no longer requiring it, including CVM at K-State.

The MPH office will send out a survey for voting responses and comments/suggestions on updating the “Statement of Objectives.”

The meeting ended at 11:35 AM